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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF U.S.-SOVIET ARTISTS, IV NOMINEES KOROLEV AND VOLODIN

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1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT REFTTEL, PROGRAM POSSIBILITIES DISCUSSED WITH VOLODIN AND KOROLEV AT DINNER WITH CAO, LARRY RIVERS AND SON SEPTEMBER 12. VOLODIN AND KOROLEV INDICATED THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH CAO AGAIN TO RECEIVE MATERIALS ABOUT THE U.S. AND DETAILS OF PROGRAM WHEN TRANSMITTED. THUS, WILL MAKE APPOINTMENT FOR ANOTHER MEETING PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE SEPTEMBER 21. ALSO, WILL REQUEST FIRM ETA WASHINGTON.

2. PROPOSED VPS PROGRAM ATTRACTIVE AND MAY TEMPT VOLODIN AND KOROLEV TO STAY, BUT AS OF SEPTEMBER 12, THEY SAID COULD ONLY SPEND 10 DAYS IN STATES. SUGGEST DEPARTURE DIRECTLY FROM NEW YORK AS PARTIAL TIME SAVER RATHER THAN REPEAT D.C.

3. VOLODIN AND KOROLEV, IN CONTRAST TO LARRY RIVERS, WHO "WANTS TO RAP WITH ARTISTS", WANT TO LEARN AS MUCH ABOUT THE US AS POSSIBLE. VOLODIN PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN MUSEUMS AND HOW EXHIBITIONS SET UP. RIVERS RELAYED INFORMATION THAT HIS WORKS ON THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION ENTITLED "FROM MARX TO MAYAKOVSKIY" TO BE SHOWN SOON AT HISCHORN. ASSUME THAT MUSEUM TO BE INCLUDED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WASHINGTON PROGRAM. ALSO METROPOLITAN AND MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

IN NEW YORK WHICH HAVE BILATERAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS WITH MINISTRY
OF CULTURE.

4. RIVERS CLAIMS HE WAS NOT INFORMED IN PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEFINGS
THAT HE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SON'S TRAVEL. UNION OF ARTISTS
ALSO DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY. BECAUSE RIVERS SECOND EXCHANGE
PARTICIPANT FROM AMERICAN SIDE, AND NEITHER EMBASSY NOR UNION
LEARNED OF ADULT SON ACCOMPANYING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 4, EMBASSY
PROMISING REIMBURSE UNION OF ARTISTS FOR IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL
REQUESTED BY RIVERS AND DEPARTMENT. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CABLE
FISCAL DATA ASAP TO COVER TRAVEL COSTS OF \$180.10.
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